

House File 202 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 202
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 45)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure of retired volunteer dentists and
2 dental hygienists.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **153.23 Retired volunteer license.**

2 1. Upon application and qualification, the board may issue
3 a retired volunteer license to a dentist or dental hygienist
4 who has held an active license to practice dentistry or dental
5 hygiene within the past five years, and who has retired from
6 the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, to enable the
7 retired dentist or dental hygienist to provide volunteer dental
8 or dental hygiene services. The board shall adopt rules to
9 administer this section, including but not limited to rules
10 providing eligibility requirements and services that may be
11 performed pursuant to the license.

12 2. The board shall not charge an application or licensing
13 fee for issuing or renewing a retired volunteer license. A
14 retired volunteer license shall not be converted to a regular
15 license with active or inactive status. A retired volunteer
16 license shall not be considered to be an active license to
17 practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

18 3. A person holding a retired volunteer license shall not
19 charge a fee or receive compensation or remuneration in any
20 form from any person or third-party payor including but not
21 limited to an insurance company, health plan, or state or
22 federal benefit program.

23 4. A person holding a retired volunteer license is
24 subject to all rules and regulations governing the practice
25 of dentistry or dental hygiene except those relating to the
26 payment of fees, license renewal, and continuing education
27 requirements.

28 5. A dental hygienist holding a retired volunteer license
29 shall abide by the permitted scope of practice of actively
30 licensed dental hygienists described in section 153.15.
31 However, a dental hygienist holding a retired volunteer license
32 may perform screenings or educational programs without an
33 actively licensed dentist present.

34 6. An applicant for a retired volunteer license who has
35 surrendered, resigned, converted, or allowed a license to lapse

1 or expire as the result of or in lieu of disciplinary action
2 shall not be eligible for a retired volunteer license.

3 7. The board may waive the five-year requirement in
4 subsection 1 if the applicant demonstrates that the applicant
5 possesses sufficient knowledge and skills to practice safely
6 and competently.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill creates a retired volunteer license for dentists
11 and dental hygienists who have retired within the last
12 five years. The license is to be issued free of charge.
13 Retired volunteer licensees are subject to all rules and
14 regulations governing dentists or dental hygienists except for
15 those relating to the payment of fees, license renewal, and
16 continuing education. The dental board is to adopt rules to
17 administer the licenses.

18 The retired volunteer licensee shall not charge a fee or
19 otherwise receive compensation for the licensee's services.
20 Dental hygienists who receive a retired volunteer license shall
21 abide by the same scope of practice limitations applicable to
22 actively licensed dental hygienists in Code section 153.15,
23 except that they may perform screenings or educational programs
24 without an actively licensed dentist present. Applicants for a
25 license under the bill whose active licenses were surrendered,
26 resigned, converted, or expired or lapsed pending disciplinary
27 action are not eligible for a retired volunteer license. The
28 board may waive the five-year requirement if the applicant
29 demonstrates sufficient knowledge and skills to practice safely
30 and competently.